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Advisory Announcement

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Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula 2021 State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels and Season Dates

The Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula 2021 state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest levels (GHLs) are as follows:

Management area	Gear type	GHL (pounds)
Kodiak	Pot	1,881,626
	Jig	1,881,626
	Total	3,763,252
Chignik	Pot	2,370,849
	Jig	263,428
	Total	2,634,277
South Alaska Peninsula	Pot	4,489,514
	Jig	792,267
	Total	5,281,781

Kodiak Area: The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open seven days after closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season. The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2021. Vessels of any size may participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season. Pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length are limited to harvesting no more than 25 percent of the total GHL (940,813 pounds).

Chignik Area: The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. March 1, 2021 or seven days after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season, whichever is later. The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. March 15, 2021. Vessels participating in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in overall length.

South Alaska Peninsula Area: The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open at 12:00 noon March 7, 2021 or seven days after closure of the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season, whichever is later. The season opening date for pot gear may be delayed due to weather based on criteria found in (5 AAC 28.577(l)). The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear season will open 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A season closes.

However, if the federal/parallel jig gear sector has not closed by March 15, 2021, ADF&G may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A season and open the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season based on assessment of federal jig effort, harvest rates, and remaining quota. Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in overall length.

Tender Vessels: Tender vessel operators must obtain a tender vessel registration for the state-waters Pacific cod fisheries and must use the tLandings electronic reporting application to report all groundfish delivered to a tender vessel (5 AAC 28.033(a) and 5 AAC 39.130(b)).

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

Under Alaska’s Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/>

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